

## **Arlington Commission on Arts and Culture (ACAC)**

Minutes, February 5, 2015

**Attending:** Commission members: Barbara Costa (chaired), Stephanie Marlin-Curiel, Adria Arch, Jonathan Hyde, Leland Stein, Aimee Taberner, Carla Dorato. Arts & Culture Liaison: Amy Mongeau

**Absent:** None

The meeting was called to order at 7:40pm by Barbara Costa.

1. **Minutes** of January 8, 2015 meeting were reviewed and approved as amended.
2. Barbara Costa reviewed future **ACAC meeting dates**.
3. **Cultural District Planning Meeting.** Meeting is scheduled for April 2, 7-9pm, in the Community Room at the Robbins Library. This is a joint meeting convened by ACAC in conjunction with ATED, inviting representatives of arts organizations and businesses. The focus of the meeting will be exploring a Cultural District designation as a first step in a broader cultural plan for the town. Invitees will consist of key business and cultural leaders in Arlington Center, the Heights, and Capitol Square. We also need to involve the Planning Department and the Chamber of Commerce. The meeting should address the Massachusetts Cultural Council's requirements for Cultural District designation; the benefits of designation to the broader goal of putting Arlington "on the map" as an arts and cultural destination; and the resources and commitment needed to develop a Cultural District application. The meeting also needs to address the funding and staff time needed to manage the ongoing operations of the district. The takeaway from the meeting: is there sufficient interest and buy-in from businesses and cultural organizations to take this on as a project? Adria Arch is still pursuing the Concord Center Cultural District to see if a representative would share their experiences at the April 2 meeting. If not, Concord has extensive information online.
4. **Public Arts Guidelines.** The Commission reviewed and approved the revised Public Art Guidelines that now include the Parks & Recreation Department in the review process. ACA noted that references to the Arlington Cultural Commission should be changed to the Arlington Commission on Arts & Culture. The guidelines will be posted on [www.arlingtoncac.com](http://www.arlingtoncac.com).
5. **ACAC's Annual Report** will be presented to the Board of Selectmen in March.
6. **ACAC's Advisory Board:** no action to date.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40pm.